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Mr. Michael P. Huerta
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington DC 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

I am writing in support of Williamson County Regional Airport's request for a new airline passenger terminal.

Williamson County Regional Airport connects southern Illinois to St. Louis with eight daily flights. The current airport terminal is 40 years old and outdated. A new, updated terminal would accommodate a greater number of passengers, move travelers and luggage more efficiently, and expand flight selections.

The new terminal would be similar in size to the present terminal and would utilize the existing airport infrastructure, but would allow for future expansion. Approximately \$4 million of this \$12 million project has been secured from local sources and design plans for the terminal are nearly complete. Bids for the first phase of the project should be submitted in mid-August of this year.

A new airline passenger terminal at the Williamson County Regional Airport would provide southern Illinois with a much needed upgrade to air passenger service. I urge you to give their request serious consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator